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Warwick Academy
Warwick
private

c. 1859

Warwick Academy, a single story one room by three bay eight course common bond brick school stands on the western fringe of the first district town of Warwick. At the time of the building's construction Warwick was a thriving crossroads located between Middletown, Delaware and the lower Eastern Shore. During the decades after its construction the railroad passed through Middletown, ^{white} ~~and~~ Warwick began a slow economic decline. The next decades also brought the Civil War and the eventual emancipation of local slaves. As a result, a small black community developed on the west side of town and around the brick academy. The last decade of the 19th century brought a change in the Warwick school system with the construction of a new school in 1890 along Main Street. The old brick school academy was later used as a black school and finally a residence.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Warwick Academy

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Warwick Road just west of center of town

CITY, TOWN

Warwick

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Henry & Elsie Brooks

Telephone #: 775-6770

STREET & NUMBER

Warwick Road

CITY, TOWN

Warwick

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21912

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: RRC 11

Folio #: 439

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Court House

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The old Warwick Academy c. 1859 is a single^{story} brick structure located on Warwick Road just west of the center of town. The structure faces southwest with the main gable running on a southwest/northeast axis.

The previous school building is presently a residence in the midst of a black community. Various single story shed additions have been added to the main facade in a haphazard manner. The brick block is three bays deep by one room across and laid in eight course common bond. The brickwork extends below ground level. A medium sloped corrugated tin roof covers the structure and has extended eaves on all sides. An interior end stove stack rises out of the north gable end. The window sash has been partially covered but were probably 9/9 with plain trim. Louvered shutters remain on each opening. The exact date of erection is recorded in the south gable end on a marble datestone with the inscription:

WARWICK ACADEMY
 INSTITUTED
 BUILT A.D. 1859

The interior was not seen but has been generally remodeled to suit a permanent living space.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Warwick Academy is one of a few known mid 19th century brick school buildings in the county. Most other structures that date from the period are of frame or stone construction. A concerned citizenery must have raised this structure in anticipation of many years of very active school children. The building must have remained in use for fifty years until a black community developed in the immediate area. It was in the late 19th century that a second school building was erected in the midst of town, and this structure was used as a black school.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

10/16/79

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Court House

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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WARWICK, MD.

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